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destructible adhesive label having adhesive of sufficient strength to prevent removal of said label from said compact disk without tearing of said label; and

applying said label to said compact disk

7. The method as set forth in claim 6 including a step of producing a list of data files stored on said compact disk.

B2 Answer 11 8. The method as set forth in claim 7 including a step of storing said list of data files in a computer database associating data files from said list of data files with said printed indicia.

9. The method as set forth in claim 6 including a step of using statistical comparative analysis to provide a data signature confirming the identity if said disk.

10. The method as set forth in claim 6 including a step of writing an electronic identifier to said disk.

11. The method as set forth in claim 6, wherein said adhesive label used in said applying step does not extend over a region of said compact disk bearing data.

REMARKS

Claims 6-10 are pending in the application. Claim 6 has been amended.

The Office Action dated June 29, 2001 rejects claims 6-11 under §102(b) as being anticipated by Kahle.

Claim 6 has been amended to distinguish Kahle 5,518,325 by reciting the use of a destructible adhesive sticker in the step of printing the label. Support for this amendment exists, for example, on page 3 at line 23-28 and page 6 at lines 22-29. Kahle does not teach or suggest the use of a destructible label.

As shown in column 1 at lines 28-38 of Kahle, it is a problem in the art that it is not cost effective to silk-screen CD-R's because the disks are not mass-produced. The Kahle patent addresses the problem of tracking data on the CD-R disks, however, Kahle is silent as to the use of a destructible label. In contrast to Kahle, the claimed method is directed towards the problem of identifying lost or stolen disks, as described for example on page 9 at lines 13-26 of the present specification. This problem is not recognized by any of the references of record. The claimed use of a destructible label prevents, for example, a thief from removing the label and reselling the disk. None of the other references teach or suggest a method that accomplishes the result of the claimed

method.

Applicants' attorney respectfully solicits a Notice of Allowance in this application. Applicants' attorney believes that no additional fees are due, but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fees to deposit account 12-600. Applicants' attorney urges Examiner Fridie to telephone if a conversation could expedite prosecution.

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APPENDIX OF MARKED-UP CLAIMS

6. (Twice Amended) A method for identifying a compact disks through use of an adhesive label having dimensions of sufficient tolerances no to interfere with the operation of a compact disk drive mechanism such that labels do not cover an entire face of the compact disk,

said method comprising the steps of:

obtaining a compact disk;

printing indicia on said label, said indicia identifying the compact disk, said label being a destructible adhesive label having adhesive of sufficient strength to prevent removal of said label from said compact disk without tearing of said label; and

applying said label to said compact disk

7. The method as set forth in claim 6 including a step of producing a list of data files stored on said compact disk.

8. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 7 including a step of storing said list of data files in a computer database associating data files from said list of data files with said printed indicia.

9. The method as set forth in claim 6 including a step of using statistical comparative analysis to provide a data signature confirming the identity if said disk.

10. The method as set forth in claim 6 including a step of writing an electronic identifier to said disk.

11. The method as set forth in claim 6, wherein said adhesive label used in said applying step does not extend over a region of said compact disk bearing data.